

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Military Veterans Assistance Act is amended
5 by changing Section 9 as follows:

6 (330 ILCS 45/9) (from Ch. 23, par. 3089)

7 Sec. 9. Veterans Assistance Commission.

8 (a) In counties having 2 or more posts, camps, chapters or
9 detachments of military veterans organizations as may be
10 recognized by law, a central assistance committee may be
11 organized to be known as the Veterans Assistance Commission of
12 such county, composed of delegates ~~one delegate~~ and alternates
13 ~~one alternate~~ from a majority ~~each~~ of such posts, camps, units,
14 and chapters or ship selected annually as determined by each
15 post, ship, camp, or chapter. When so organized a commission
16 shall be clothed with all the powers and charged with all the
17 duties theretofore devolving upon the different posts and
18 chapters as provided in Section 2.

19 (1) Beginning on January 1, 2017, and every January 1
20 thereafter, all Veterans Assistance Commissions shall
21 publish a notice to each post, camp, unit, chapter, ship,
22 or detachment of a military veterans organization within
23 their respective county calling on them to select delegates

1 and alternates for that county's Veterans Assistance
2 Commission by the methods provided in this subsection. The
3 Veterans Assistance Commissions shall allow each post,
4 camp, unit, chapter, ship, or detachment of a military
5 veterans organization 60 days to respond.

6 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), posts, camps,
7 units, chapters, ships, or detachments of a military
8 veterans organization shall be permitted to select one
9 delegate and one alternate.

10 (3) In counties with 5 or more posts, camps, units,
11 chapters, ships, or detachments of the same military
12 veterans organization, all the constituent posts, camps,
13 units, chapters, ships, or detachments of such military
14 organizations shall be permitted to select a single
15 delegate and single alternate to represent that military
16 veterans organization instead of each constituent post,
17 camp, unit, chapter, ship, or detachment selecting one
18 delegate and one alternate. For the purposes of meeting the
19 majority requirement of this subsection, when the
20 constituent groups of a military veterans organization
21 choose to select a single delegate and single alternate,
22 the single delegate and single alternate shall represent
23 the aggregate percentage of the constituent groups.

24 (b) The Commission superintendent and the president or
25 chairman of the county board, or some other county officer
26 appointed by him, shall have general oversight of the

1 distribution of all moneys and supplies appropriated by the
2 county for the benefit of military veterans and their families,
3 subject to such rules, regulations, administrative procedures
4 or audit reviews as are necessary as approved by the county
5 board to carry out the spirit and intent of this Act. No
6 warrant authorized under this Act may be issued for the payment
7 of money without the presentation of an itemized statement or
8 claim, approved by the superintendent of the Commission.

9 If general assistance funds are allocated to a county for
10 assistance to military veterans and their families as provided
11 in the Illinois Public Aid Code, the administration of such
12 funds and of county tax funds levied for such purpose as
13 provided in Section 5-2006 of the Counties Code shall be
14 subject to the supervision of the Department of Human Services
15 in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Public Aid
16 Code. The superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission
17 must comply with the procedures and regulations adopted by the
18 Veterans Assistance Commission and the regulations of the
19 Department of Human Services. To further the intent of this Act
20 of assisting military veterans, this Act is to be construed so
21 that the Veterans Assistance Commission shall provide needed
22 services to eligible veterans.

23 (Source: P.A. 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
25 becoming law.